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VENOM!
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A NEW MYSTERY MAN ENTERS THE SPIDERVERSE!
WHO IS KAINE?
AND WHAT DOES HE WANT WITH SPIDER-MAN AND BEN REILLY?

BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT **PETER PARKER** GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID! ARMED WITH HIS WONDROUS WEB-SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!

Stan Lee PRESENTS: WEB OF SPIDER-MAN™

BEN REILLY'S RETURN TO NEW YORK WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

THE IMPOSSIBLE SECRET BURIED SO DEEP, FOR SO LONG--HIS IDENTITY AS THE CLONE OF PETER PARKER, THE TRUE SPIDER-MAN--

--BUBBLES FAR TOO CLOSE TO THE SURFACE HERE.

BETWEEN THE CITY'S NEED FOR HEROES AND HIS INSTINCT FOR HEROICS, THE SCARLET SPIDER WAS BORN ON THESE ROOFTOPS...*

...AND THEY MAY JUST PROVE TO BE THE DEATH OF HIM.

THIS TOWN'S TEARING ME APART.

WEB-BANDAGE IS DISSOLVING ALREADY, BUT IT GOT ME HOME...

THE EXILE RETURNS PART 3

ECHOES OF SILENCE

*WEB #118. --ERIC

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...SUCH AS IT IS THESE DAYS.

THE GASH VENOM GAVE ME HURTS...*

...BUT I'VE GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO PAIN.

THIS SHIRT WILL SERVE AS A TOURNIQUET--STAUNCH THE BLEEDING--UNTIL I CAN GET MEDICAL ATTENTION--

--AND EVERYTHING ELSE FITS IN THE PACK ON MY BACK.

*SPIDER-MAN #52. --ERIC

JUST NEED TO CALL AHEAD...

PHONE

...LET DR. TRAINER KNOW I'M COMING--

G-GOT TO GET OUT OF THE C-CITY--

--BEFORE IT KILLS ME...

PHONE

SEWARD?!

REILLY? TALK TO ME, BEN...

"...WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?!"

THE DAY HASN'T EVEN STARTED YET AND I'M ALREADY LATE--

WHOA!

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BETTER GET USED TO STEPPING OVER DRUNKS AND JUNKIES IN THIS RAT-TRAP...

...UNTIL I FIND A JOB THAT GETS ME OUT OF--

UHMM...

THIS GUY'S REALLY HURTING.

AND THAT STAIN ON HIS SHIRT IS SPREADING SO FAST...

...WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU TO A DOCTOR!

CAN'T AFFORD... H-HOSPITAL...

JOIN THE CLUB, FRIEND.

MY NAME'S GREER-- GABRIELLE GREER.

NEW ADDRESS IS A FANCY BROWNSTONE...

...LOOKS LIKE PETEY'S REALLY COMING UP IN THE WORLD.

STASH

VENOM'S PAST HAS RECENTLY COME BACK TO HAUNT HIM.

BUT NO ONE'S HOME TO ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE--

ONE OF THE HATED OFFSPRING OF EDDIE BROCK'S ALIEN OTHER-- AN ARTIFICIALLY-SPAWNED SYMBIOTE BONDED WITH A HUMAN WOMAN-- STARTED THE TROUBLE...

--NOT EVEN THE DELICIOUS REDHEAD--

--WHAT A WASTE!

...AND ANOTHER SPIDER-MAN--A TOTAL STRANGER, TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES--ONLY THINKS HE FINISHED IT.

LOST TRACK OF OUR PREY WHEN THE RIVER SEPARATED US ALL...

...SO PARKER'S OUR BEST BET FOR A LEAD ON THE PSEUDO-SPIDER THAT'S PROWLING HIS BEAT.

"NO SIGN OF PETE AT THE DAILY BUGLE OR THE E.S.U. CAMPUS, WHICH ONLY LEAVES--"

--HIS PRECIOUS AUNT MAY'S HOUSE IN QUEENS.

SINCE THERE'S NO KEY UNDER THE MAT...

...I'LL JUST FORM A TENDRIL INTO A KEY...

...AND IN WE GO...

KREEAK

NO ONE'S HERE.

JUST ANOTHER EMPTY HOME.

NOTHING BUT SHADOWS AND DUST.

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE TYPICAL AMERICAN FAMILY--

--WHERE HAVE ALL THE PARKERS GONE?!

"THIS IS THE ONLY CLINIC IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WOULD TREAT YOU WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE, BEN..."

CLINIC

124 SAINT

NO ANESTHESIA... GREER...

...YOU'VE GOT TO TRUST THE DOCTOR.

FOUR MORE STITCHES TO GO, SON.

WHATEVER IT TAKES, DOC...

...TO GET ME OUT OF HERE...BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...

IS THIS KEN ELLIS?

THE BUGLE FORWARDED MY CALL TO YOU...

" ... ABOUT THE REWARD FOR A YOUNG MALE WITH A GUT WOUND ON HIS LEFT SIDE. "

STAY PUT...

...I'M ON THE WAY.

I BETTER HIT THE JACKPOT WITH THIS STORY 'CAUSE I'M GOING TO BE MORE BROKE THAN USUAL FROM PAYING FOR ALL THIS INFORMATION.

AFTER ALL, I CHRISTENED THAT SCARLET SPIDER CHARACTER MYSELF IN THIS MORNING'S EDITION--

TAXI!

TAXI NY

HE OWES ME AN EXCLUSIVE.

CAB

INFORMATIC

" DON'T HAVE TO SUSTAIN CAMOUFLAGE-MODE...

...JUST TO FOLLOW THAT CAB.

SHE IS ONE OF FIVE SECOND-GENERATION SYMBIOTES BORN AND BRED--BY THE LIFE FOUNDATION--

--TO KILL.

SHE FEARS IT'S A LOSING BATTLE...

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A BLESSING OR A CURSE MY SYMBIOTE REGEN-ERATED...!*

*AFTER VENOM: LETHAL PROTECTOR #6.--Eric

GETS MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO CONTROL MY OTHER--TO IGNORE ITS WHISPERED OFFERS AND SEDUCTIVE CARESSES--WITH EVERY HOUR.

VENOM ONLY MADE THINGS WORSE.

BUT I STILL CAN'T HELP BELIEVING--

ALTHOUGH FREE OF THE CORPORATE SURVIVALIST GROUP FOR MONTHS ALREADY...

...THE WOMAN BENEATH THE LIVING COSTUME IS ALL BUT NAMELESS NOW, BARELY STRUGGLING TO MAINTAIN SOME SENSE OF SELF.

--HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP ME...

...AND SAVE MY SOUL.

"AND ELLIS' INVESTIGATION IS BOUND TO POINT STRAIGHT TO THE SPIDER!

WHICH IN TURN, WILL BRING ME BACK INTO CONTACT WITH VENOM.

MIDTOWN.

PAPA GRANITE'S ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN *BRANCHING OUT* INTO NEW TERRITORY LATELY-- *OUR* TERRITORY--

--CROSSING BOUNDARIES MARKED BY *BLOOD*.

MY PEOPLE WANT HIS PEOPLE *OUT* OF THE WAY, ASSASSIN...

"...BUT GRANITE HIMSELF ONLY LEAVES HIS JERSEY FORTRESS *ONCE* A YEAR FOR THIS ANNIVERSARY NIGHT OUT WITH THE OLD LADY.

"THEY RESERVE THE PLACE FOR THEMSELVES. PACK IT WITH BODYGUARDS. SIT BEHIND THE BULLETPROOF GLASS.

"WE NEED A *SPECIALIST* TO GET CLOSE TO HIM.

"WORD HAS REACHED US THAT *YOU* ARE SUCH A SPECIALIST, *KAINE*.

"ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK FOR US AND YOU MAY HAVE A FUTURE WITH *OUR* FAMILY.

"IT'S TIME TO MAKE YOUR MOVE.

YOU *LISTENING* TO ME, KAINE?

DAILY BUGLE

PUT DOWN THE PAPER AND DO YOUR *JOB*, FREAK!

"KAINE! YOU'RE MISSIN' YOUR CHANCE!

"KAINE!"

"YOU BLEW IT, KAINE!"

CHK

CHK

DAILY BUGLE

WE MAY NOT BE HIGH-PRICED SPECIALISTS LIKE YOU ARE...

...BUT THIS CLOSE--WE CAN'T MISS YOU.

SPIDER MAN?

BY KEN ELLIS

UNFORTUNATELY, GENTLEMEN...

SHK

KROW

SMASH

SHK

SHK

KRAK

HSS

...SOMETHING ELSE HAS COME UP.

DAILY BUGLE

IS THE SCARLET SPIDER ONNECTED TO SPIDER-MAN?

BY KEN ELLIS

THE CLINIC...

DRESSING'S *PERFECT*, BUT THE DOC WANTS ANOTHER LOOK AT THESE SUTURES BEFORE SIGNING THE RELEASE.

SPIDER-SENSE WARNING OUT OF NOWHERE...

...THAT'S THE BUGLE REPORTER-- KEN ELLIS-- HEADING THIS WAY.

NURSE SAID MY PIGEON CHECKED IN AS "JOHN SMITH"-- RIGHT--

--AND I'D *FIND* HIM BACK...

...HERE?

"ACCESS VENT GOT ME OUT OF THE ROOM..."

...AND THE *ROOF* IS--

KPOP

A DEAD END, SPIDER.

SAVE IT FOR VENOM, PSYCHO...

...YOU TWO DESERVE EACH OTHER.

AND IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS ANYMORE.

WRONG AGAIN, HERO...

...WE NEED YOUR--

DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ IN THE PAPERS, BLONDIE...

...I'M NO HERO!

SEE YOU IN THE FUNNY PAGES--!

NO...

...HE'S GONE ALREADY!

THE SPIDER WAS MY--OUR-- LAST LIFELINE...

KROOM

"...UNTIL SHE GOT BORED AND WENT HOME.

THOUGHT I COULD AVOID TROUBLE--FOR EVERYONE AROUND ME-- BY HIDING OUT UNDER THE LEDGE BENEATH HER FEET...

"...WE'RE OUT OF CONTROL!"

"--BUT SOME OF IT'S GETTING" THROUGH.

I'M DOING MY BEST TO PULVERIZE MOST OF THE DEBRIS BEFORE IT REACHES THE GROUND--

BAD IDEA. SHE'S GONE CRAZY! SMASHING UP EVERYTHING IN HER PATH.

WOOD

POOM

POOM

POOM

WOOD

SKRAK

"...UUUH...

WITCH TOOK OFF AFTER HER LITTLE SUPER-TANTRUM...

...AND THE CLINIC STAFF WILL HELP THE INJURED PEDESTRIANS.

BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE--

CLINIC

"--SO MUCH WORSE...

SORRY, PAL! THAT'S YOUR JOB! I'M THROUGH BEING PUSHED AROUND--BY ANYONE!

STOP! THIEF! STOP HIM! IF HE MAKES IT TO THE ELEVATOR, HE'LL GET AWAY!

FROM NOW ON, I JUST LOOK OUT FOR NUMBER ONE-- THAT MEANS--ME!

SAVE YOUR BREATH, BUDDY! I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO!

I OUGHTA RUN YOU IN!

"WHEN THAT SAME BURGLAR WENT ON TO INVADE UNCLE BEN'S HOME--MURDER HIM IN COLD BLOOD--"

--SPIDER-MAN SWORE IT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.

WHEN WILL I LEARN?

SHOULD HAVE STOPPED THE FEMALE SYMBIOTE WHEN I COULD...

...JUST SHEER LUCK THAT NO INNOCENTS WERE KILLED.

OR AN OMEN.

MAYBE EVEN A SECOND CHANCE... TO CORRECT A MISTAKE I NEVER MADE--

BEN...?

IT'S ME-- GABRIELLE--

--CHECKING UP ON THE PATIENT.

KNK KNK

APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, GREER--REALLY-- AND ALL THE HELP EARLIER...

...BUT I'M SORT OF IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING RIGHT NOW.

SORRY...

"... MY MISTAKE."

AND MY LOSS.

AGAIN.

SEEMS I WAS WOEFULLY UNPREPARED FOR VENOM AND HIS *ILK* LAST TIME OUT...

...BUT NOW I'M *READY*, WILLING-- AND *MORE* THAN ABLE-- TO FACE THE WORST.

I'LL TAKE DOWN *EVERY* SYMBIOTE IN THIS CITY BEFORE LEAVING...

ALL THE TIME OVER THE YEARS, IDEAS FOR THINGS LIKE THIS ITEM WERE PERCOLATING IN MY MIND--

--ALMOST AS IF I *KNEW* THIS DAY WOULD COME.

"...WITH NO DEATHS ON MY CONSCIENCE."

PEPZI

RAW POWER FOR POWER'S SAKE-- NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS--

VIP

--THIS IS ALL MY OTHER EVER PROMISED!

AND WHERE BETTER TO INDULGE UNLEASHED PASSIONS THAN THE HEART OF TIMES SQUARE?!

SKREEE

HOW ABOUT THE PRIVACY OF YOUR OWN PADDED CELL, SISTER?!

AARGH!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, CUZ!

TOO LATE, VENOM...

...I--WE... DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE!

BOOM

NO...

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT FROM US--

--AND WE DON'T CARE!

WE'RE GOING TO *SEPARATE* YOU AND YOUR SYMBIOTE! AND THEN DEAL WITH YOU *BOTH!*

EEAA

SHRIEK

WE'RE SICK TO DEATH OF SPIDERS AND SYMBIOTES OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES...

...THREATENING THE VERY *IDENTITY* WE FOUGHT SO LONG AND HARD TO MAKE OUR OWN!

please...

DON'T BEG, SPAWN O'MINE...

...IT REFLECTS BADLY ON ALL OF U--

THWP

RADIO REPORTS SAID I'D FIND YOU TWO HERE.

WHAT THE H--?

THWPH

THWPH

THWPH

I CALL IT IMPACT WEBBING, VENOM.

GENERATING ENOUGH MULTI-TENDRILS--IN MICRO-SECONDS--

JUST TASTES LIKE APPETIZER TO ME, HERO...

--TO CUT YOU OFF FROM YOUR VICTIM!

SHRRP

...BEFORE THE SPIDER SPECIAL!

GUESS AGAIN, JAWS.

A SINGLE PELLET--OF ONLY ONE NEW WEAPON--BOUGHT THE WOMAN ENOUGH TIME TO GET OUT OF YOUR UGLY FACE...

...AND YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET!

THE FIRST--AND FINAL--BATTLE BETWEEN THE SCARLET SPIDER AND VENOM CONCLUDES IN SPIDER-MAN #53!

NEXT ISSUE:

"WEB OF LIFE" BEGINS AS THE SPIDER REDISCOVERS AN OLD FRIEND, AND A NEW ENEMY! THE HUNT IS ON...!